

ATTACHMENT – DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

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\$31,903,754 - Total Funding for FY 00-01

Article IV, Section 12 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 creates the Department of Elections and Registration. Currently, the Commissioner of Elections administers all laws relating to voter registration and the custody of voting machines. As stated earlier, all other election laws are administered by the Secretary of State.

The department has recently undergone an extensive review of its organizational structure. Positions and expenditures were reorganized based upon their new function within the department.

Before the reorganization there were four programs. These were Administration, Voting Machines, Voter Registration, and Elections. As a result of the reorganization, the department made the following changes:

1. Changed the name of the Administration Program to the Executive Program
2. Created two new programs (Management and Finance Program and Information Technology Program) and eliminated the Voting Machines Program
3. Moved all business affairs from the former Administration and Elections Programs to the new Management and Finance Program
4. Moved the Outreach Activity to the Executive Program
5. Moved the entire Voting Machines Program to the Elections Program
6. Moved all the Data Processing Activity to the Information Technology Program

The following are current programs in the department and their functions:

Executive program (\$1,489,227) – *Previously named Administration program*

- Institute the Outreach program which establishes and conducts outreach educational programs related to voter registration and voter participation in elections
- Fraud Division including auditors and investigatory personnel

Management and Finance Program (\$826,300)

- Newly created program
- Provides administrative support functions for the agency, including purchasing, personnel, payroll, accounting, fleet facility management and property control

Voter Registration program (\$5,141,777)

- Provides rules and instructions to be applied uniformly by the parish registrars of voters

- Compiles and stores statistical research, political analysis, and voter trends
- Maintains the state's voter registration system, including voter registration and statistics
- Includes parish registrars of voters who register and canvass voters to ensure registration in the proper ward and precinct

Elections program (\$21,651,250)

- Provides funding for the administration and payment of expenses associated with conducting elections in the state, including commissioners, deputy custodians, janitors, drayage of voting machines, precinct rentals, clerk's of court expenses, registrars of voter's expenses, and parish boards of elections supervisors' expenses.
- Provides maintenance, storage, repair, and programming of all voting machines and absentee ballot counting equipment in the state. (*Elections program now handles all functions of the prior Voting Machines Program*)

Information Technology Program (\$2,795,200)

- Newly created program
- All data processing functions are now funded through this program
Positions will be transferred from other programs